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FM AMCONSUL LUANDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2900

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMCONSUL CAPETOWN

CINCLANT NORFOLK VA

CINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

USS PAUL

USS MULLINIX

C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 0726

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT AO

SUBJECT: LATEST RUMORS IN LUANDA

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

ADDIS FOR RSS; CINCEUR AND CINCLANT FOR POLAD'S

1. RUMOR HAS BEEN CIRCULATING THAT LARGE NUMBER FNLA
TROOPS WERE CAPTURED IN NORTHERN MILITARY ZONE (ZMN).
RELIABLE SOURCE AT HIGH COMMAND CONFIRMS ACTION AUG 12
BETWEEN PORTUGUESE ARMY AND FNLA GROUP ATTEMPTING
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INFILTRATION TO DEMBOS REGION FROM ZAIRE. INFORMATION
HE NOW HAS IS FRAGMENTARY BUT THERE SEVERAL KIA ON BOTH

SIDES AND AS MANY AS 19 FNLA CAPTURED. HEAD OF JUNTA NOW ON SCENE IN NORTH AND PLANELOAD OF JOURNALISTS TO BE FLOWN THERE TODAY.

2. OPVDCA (PARA-MILITARY PROVINCIAL CIVIL DEFENSE AND GUARD FORCE) TOLD US OIL COMPANY EXEC THAT THEY EXPECTED TERRORISTS ATTEMPT HIT WATER MAINS, ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINES AND GASOLINE DEPOTS IN NEXT FEW DAYS. OPVDCA AND OIL COMPANIES BEEFING UP SECURITY.

3. RUMOR MILL STATES 400 ARMED "AGITATORS" ATTEMPTING INFILTRATE LUANDA IN ORDER CAUSE TROUBLE AUG 15. HIGH COMMAND COMPLETELY DENIES THIS ONE.

4. REPORTED EXPLOSION AT PETROANGOL REFINERY. USS PAUL/ MULLINIX TOLD CONGEN OFFICERS THAT THEY SIGHTED LARGE EXPLOSION VICINITY REFINERY AT 0515 ON AUG 11. ACCORDING AMERICAN WORKING AT PETROANGOL, HAND GRENADE WAS THROWN INTO BLACK GHETTO ADJOINING PETROANGOL REFINERY EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. ATTEMPT APPARENTLY NOT AIMED AT REFINERY AND THERE HAS BEEN NO REDUCTION IN PRODUCTION.

5. COMMENT: SITUATION MENTIONED PARA 2 DISQUIETING. SOURCE AT HIGH COMMAND OBLIQUELY ADMITS POSSIBILITY ATTACKS PLANNED ON KEY UTILITY INSTALLATIONS. PORTER

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